

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. *(currently amended)* ~~Cutting device~~ A trench wall cutter for cutting trenches in the ground in order to carry out underground construction work, the trench wall cutter having
 - at least one cutting wheel drivable in rotary manner and
 - at least one first cutting element, located on the cutting wheel, for removing soil material during a rotation of the cutting wheel in a first rotation direction, wherein
 - on the cutting wheel is provided at least one second cutting element for removing soil material in an oppositely directed, second rotation direction,
 - at least one of the cutting elements is displaceably mounted between a first position for removing soil material and a retracted, second position and
 - a control device is provided for the displacement of the cutting elements between the first position and the second position.
2. *(original)* ~~Cutting device~~ The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, wherein the first cutting element and the second cutting element are displaceable.

3. (currently amended) ~~Cutting device~~ The trench wall cutter according to claim 2, ~~wherein~~ wherein the second cutting element can be displaced into the other position by the control device during the displacement of the first cutting element.
4. (currently amended) ~~Cutting device~~ The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, wherein the control device has a drive for displacing the cutting elements.
5. (currently amended) ~~Cutting device~~ The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, wherein the control device is operable by a force exerted by the outcropping ground during rotary operation.
6. (currently amended) ~~Cutting device~~ The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, wherein the control device has at least one pivoted lever positioned on a circumferential surface of the cutting wheel.
7. (currently amended) ~~Cutting device~~ The trench wall cutter according to claim 6, wherein the pivoted lever has a pivot axis provided parallel to a rotation axis of the cutting wheel.
8. (currently amended) ~~Cutting device~~ The trench wall cutter according to claim 6, wherein the pivoted lever is constructed symmetrically to the pivot axis.

9. (currently amended) ~~Cutting device~~ The trench wall cutter according to claim 6, wherein the first and second cutting elements are arranged pairwise on the pivoted lever.
10. (currently amended) ~~Cutting device~~ The trench wall cutter according to claim 6, wherein the pivoted lever has at least one stop which engages on a circumferential surface of the cutting wheel for limiting a control path of the pivoted lever.
11. (currently amended) ~~Cutting device~~ The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the cutting elements is a cutting tooth with a unilaterally formed cutting edge.
12. (new) The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, wherein there are two cutting wheels, the cutting wheels being constructed in directly juxtaposed manner with parallel rotation axes.
13. (new) The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, further comprising a frame, and wherein there are two cutting wheels positioned at the bottom of the frame and fixed to the frame in rotary manner.